

Torrance, California.  
October 20th., 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, October 20th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: Councilmen: Bell, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: Councilmen: Smith and Nelson.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6th., 1931, be adopted. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Nelson arrived during the reading of the first communication.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company dated October 12, 1931, acknowledging acceptance by the City Council of the proposal made by the Railway Company with reference to the paving in of Cabrillo Avenue and the use of Redondo Boulevard, stating that approval of the Board of Directors of the Railway Company would be necessary before this matter could be finally closed.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, The Regional Planning Commission, dated October 13, 1931, with further reference to changing what is now known as Riverside-Redondo Road to Redondo Beach Boulevard and requesting that the City Council adopt this recommendation.

Councilman Steiner moved that the highway known as Riverside-Redondo Road be changed and to be known in the future as Redondo Beach Boulevard and that the Regional Planning Commission be so notified. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Road Department, dated October 14, 1931, stating that the County will place a "Reflector" type Boulevard Stop sign on the north side of Riverside-Redondo Road at Prairie Avenue, requesting that the City of Torrance cooperate by placing a similar sign on the south side of the road.

Councilman Steiner moved that the request be granted and that the Auto Club be instructed to erect such sign, it being understood that the cost was to be \$10.00. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Smith.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Los Angeles County Auditor, dated October 16, 1931, in which reference was made to \$14,000.00 appropriated to the City of Torrance from Gasoline Tax and Motor Vehicle License Funds and that this amount, with the exception of \$1,094.52, had been expended in construction of railroad crossing at El Prado and Western Avenue and that the further amount of \$15,000.00 had been used by the City of Torrance in its unemployment fund during 1930-1931.

Some discussion in regard to bill of \$60.00 received from the League of California Municipalities which was held over for investigation.

A communication was read from the Santa Fe Railway Company, dated October 16, 1931, stating that the cleaning up of their right of way between Carson and Sierra Streets, as requested, had been completed.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Howard's, Torrance, California, dated October 20, 1931, regarding purchase of a clock. No action was taken in this matter.

A petition was presented from the Chamber of Commerce of Walteria requesting the Council to lend whatever assistance possible in abating the dust condition due to the operation of the Dicalite Company located in that community. The petition was signed by 111 people.

Councilman Steiner moved that this body go on record in order that the County Commissioners might know that we were in harmony with their request. Received no second.

Councilman Nelson moved that the City Attorney call the matter to the attention of the Board of Supervisors thru the County Council that matter might be taken up thru the proper channel in an endeavor to have the condition remedied. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition was presented by 26 people of Walteria soliciting employment. Their petition was directed to be filed by the Unemployment Bureau.

Councilman Steiner moved that an unemployment fund be created to include a balance of about \$80.00 in the wood fund together with contributions from city employees and other sources to apply toward the unemployment. After some discussion the matter was referred to the City Attorney who advised that there is nothing in the General Laws under which this City operates that would authorize the City to accept donations for unemployment purposes.

Mayor Dennis read a communication from the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District in which a committee had been named, including the Mayor of Torrance, to formulate plans for registering the unemployed for work on the Metropolitan aqueduct in the individual cities of the District.

A petition to locate an Auto Wrecking Yard on Narbonne Avenue was presented to the Council. This matter was taken under advisement until next regular meeting by motion of Councilman Bell, seconded by Councilman Nelson and carried unanimously.

The question of the County collecting assessment for lights in the newly annexed Lomita territory was called to the attention of the Council. Councilman Steiner moved Tax Receipt presented to the Council be turned over to the City Attorney for investigation and recommendation as to future action. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. F.W. Marlow of Hollywood Riviera discussed the question of the City furnishing certain services to the Clifford F. Reid, Inc., particularly in reference to tree planting and police protection. No specific requests were made. The matter was referred to Councilman Bell for investigation.

Request was also made for police protection at Walteria. Referred to the Police Commission.

Mr. Chas. Smith, in the audience, inquired in regard to Lomita Boulevard thru Torrance. City Engineer Leonard stated that he had made an effort to secure deeds from the Standard and the Union Oil Companies and other interested parties. None of these parties were in favor of having this work proceed at the present time, and that he had so reported to the County Surveyor's office and that as jurisdiction had been given to the County for this work it should be taken up with the County Department.

City Attorney Findley reported the brief on the Water Suit demurrer has been filed, and that the Judge would undoubtedly render a verbal opinion within a reasonable length of time.

City Attorney Findley also reported that extension of time had been granted the General Petroleum Corporation on the Prairie Avenue proceedings.

ORDINANCE NO. 227AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OBSTRUCTION  
OF PUBLIC STREETS AND REGULATING PUBLIC  
MEETINGS IN PUBLIC STREETS AND PARKS.

Councilman Bell moved Ordinance No. 227 be adopted. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Smith.

Clerk Bartlett read

RESOLUTION NO. 512

## A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING VERBAL UNDERSTANDING

between the attorneys O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers and the City with reference to the fee in connection with the litigation over the water bond suit.

Councilman Nelson moved that Resolution No. 512 be adopted.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Smith.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants, be drawn, for all bills, properly audited.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Smith.

Councilman Nelson moved meeting be adjourned.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.